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Our Mission Statement

'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

St. Catherine of Siena

Dear Parents and Carers,

National Science Week took place this week and the children have been enjoying lots of exciting Science events. As part of this work, the Juniors year groups voted on their topic earlier in the year and lessons took place each day on their chosen topic. Years 3 studied **'Animals and their Habitats'**, while Year 4 focused on **'Volcanoes'**. In Year 5 the children studied **'Space'** and Year 6 chose to learn more about **'The Human Body'**. A very big thank you to the Junior Science Lead, Miss Horgan, for organising Science Week events to inspire our Scientists of the future.

The Infant year groups will also be enjoying special science events over the next few

weeks. Our pupils in Reception have already begun by watching eggs hatch into chicks this week and helping to care for them. This **'Living Eggs'** activity allowed children to experience a real wonder of nature and lots of opportunities to talk and write about the chicks. All 10 of the chicks have now hatched and are happily getting to know each other! The chicks will stay in school until the end of next week.



Class 1A Assembly

Class 1A led a beautiful assembly on Wednesday when they shared the Gospel story of **"The Widow's Mite"**. The children spoke and acted very confidently as they told us how a poor widow gave two small coins to the Temple. Jesus used this parable to show how her small gift was more valued than larger gifts made by wealthy people as she had given everything she had. The children thought about how important these small acts of love are and shared what they are thankful for in their own lives. They reminded us that during this season of Lent we can all try to give something to help others, no matter how big or small. Thank you Class 1A for a very moving assembly and your singing was wonderful! Thank you parents for joining us and also a very big thank you to Miss Odoi and Miss Cartin for preparing the children so well.

Care For Creation Support Our Local Community

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching we think about how we all help to care for this wonderful world God has given us. For example, by only using the resources we need and by treating our local and wider world environment with respect.

Miss Barry has created a Junior School **"Care for Creation Crew"** to support this work and this week the crew spent time in the local area picking litter. Thank you children for being such fantastic role models to us and encouraging us all to think of ways we can make a real difference to our environment. Thank you also to Councillor Sarah Conway for providing the equipment and joining in to support this work and to Miss Barry for leading this fantastic initiative.



International Women's Day

'International Women's Day' took place on 8th March and this week we have thought about the amazing things achieved by women we know or we have learned about. We also thought about how we can help support equality around the world by including and respecting women from all different backgrounds. This is especially important as we get ready to celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday and thank those women who help us.



School Discos

Thank you to all the children who attended the Spring term Discos yesterday, they had a wonderful time enjoying the music and snacks with their friends. We were very impressed with how sensibly the children took part and how they included each other in the fun. A huge thank you to school staff who supervised the events and helped with the later home-time collections. Special thanks also to our fantastic DJ's who provided the music and made both discos so much fun for the children. Mr Powell was our DJ in the Infant School and Mr Fulga was the DJ the Junior School.



For example, a hair decoration, rosette, badge or socks.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Happy St. Patrick's Day in advance of Tuesday 17th March and children may wear a green accessory on the day if they want to celebrate this special feast day for Ireland and Nigeria.



Have a very happy Mother's Day weekend, celebrating mums, grandmothers, aunts and all the special women in our lives who do so much to care for us.

Miss J. O'Prey
Headteacher

KS1 'Star Writer' and KS2 'Writer of The Week' Awards

Year 1	Ayan & Nergyzel	Year 4	Sarah & Kayden
Year 2	Ella & Ornela	Year 5	Oliwia & Tonye
Year 3	Olivia H & Ethan	Year 6	Jason O & Raoul

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Gabriel	1A	Whole Class
RA	Asaiah	1B	David
RB	Aodha	2A	Skylah
		2B	Leona

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Angelos	5A	Julien
3B	Zane	5B	Liviu
4A	Jayden C	6A	Althea
4B	Cedric	6B	Sienna

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **3A**
for having the
highest



attendance!

Class	%
R1	97
R2	96
1A	88
1B	96
2A	94
2B	94
3A	100
3B	98
4A	97
4B	97
5A	92
5B	94
6A	98
6B	97

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 15th March 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn how Jesus brought healing and light to a man who was born blind. The man could then see the world around him, but the most important thing he saw was who Jesus really was – the Son of God . . . Jesus is the light of the world. Believing in him brings light to our lives. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Healing**.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. Jesus spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "Yes, it is the same one." Others said, "No, he only looks like him." The man himself said, "I am the man." Some of the Pharisees did not believe that Jesus had healed him and they drove him away. Jesus heard about this and when he found the man he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped Jesus.

Adapted from The Gospel of John 9:1-38

The 4th Sunday of Lent Year A

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3b	Zion
Respect	3a	Altharv
Commitment	6a	Arthur
Truth	4a	Ike
Excellence	5a	Sadie
Safety	5b	Cuba
Tolerance	6b	Elizabeth
Justice	4b	Isabelle
Justice	N RA RB 1A 1B 2A 2B	Amando Luca Chahil Ericson Brendon Jaida David

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Maya & Sarah
Year 4	Keyner & Zion
Year 5	Emilia & Jaouad
Year 6	Elliott & Hebe

Date	KEY DATES	
	What	Where/When
18/03/26	Class 1B Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
19/03/26	Year 6 PGL School Journey Zoom Meeting	–4.00pm
20/03/26	Chatty Children Workshop—Nursery Parents	Infant School 12.15pm
25/03/26	The Feast Of The Annunciation —Mass for Years 2 to 6 pupils in Annunciation Church at 11.00am	
19/03/26	Rocksteady Concerts—	Junior School 9.00am
26/03/26	please see different dates at each school	Infant School 2.30pm
27/03/26	Easter Bonnet Parades — as Easter falls early this year, we will celebrate our Easter bonnets on the last day of term. Children in all year groups are invited to make Easter bonnets and share in parades taking place at each school.	
27/03/26	Earlier School Closure for end of Spring Term	Infant School 1.15pm

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

